

# Portugal



**Maria Celeste and Dalia**

My name is Dalia. This is my friend Maria Celeste.

I like the snow because it makes a beautiful scenery. Where I was born we didn't have snow. But on the other hand, I am tired of so much snow because we have to shovel it. With so much snow I can't go for any walks.

This program at the library has helped me very much with my English. Thank you. I love you so much.  
Dalia

(excerpt from Dalia's dialogue journal)



**Maria Celeste**

I'm very happy in U.S. My husband is very amorous to me. And his family is very nice and friendly, too. I took care my step grand-daughter, but now she is going to pre-kindergarten. We love each other very much.

America is very kind and generous because it gave shelter and jobs to the many people from all parts of world. I think the immigrant's life is sad, because they miss the family who stayed back. In my country I had a good job. I was the librarian assistant, but I fell in

love with my neighbor from our childhood and now I am in U.S. I like to live here.

Every year I visit my country because I miss my family. My mother miss me, too, but she doesn't tell me about it, because she wants me to be happy. I know.



**Ruben and Shufang**

My name is Ruben Lara. I'm from Peru. My friend Shufang and I are discussing the importance of our English class. We have a strong desire to learn English. Without English it is impossible to succeed in my profession in this country. In Peru I was successful in marketing, but since coming here I have been halted in my career because of the language barrier. I need English to begin progressing again.

# Peru

# China